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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the specification:

Replace paragraph [0033] on page 4 with:

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Fig. 30 is a screen display of a timing-program management business plan according to the present invention;

Replace paragraph [0034] on page 4 with:

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Figs. 31A - 31L are screen displays of the program setup templates used in the present invention; and

Add the following new paragraph:

A3

Indent new paragraph [0034.1] and insert:

Fig. 32 is a screen display of the Bill of Material structure.